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IN RE APPLICATION OF: John M. Pedersen et al.

APPLICATION No.: 09/823,948

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FOR: **DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS
FOR MAKING DRY CONTACT
ASSEMBLIES, AND PLATING MACHINES
WITH DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR
PLATING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES**

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